Amended on June 9, 2020, to add CDBG CARES Act funds to the FY2020 Annual Action Plan.

# **Executive Summary**

# AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

#### 1. Introduction

Amendment to the 2020 Annual Plan - The Annual Plan will include CDBG CARES Act funds in the amount of \$678,123. The proposed activities include:

City of Port Arthur Health Department - \$598,123

Nutrition and Services for seniors - \$30,000

Catholic Charities - \$50,000

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The Consolidated Plan sets forth the City of Port Arthur's long-term goals for community development, housing, non-housing, and homeless services. Through the collaborative efforts of the City of Port Arthur, its citizens, nonprofit organizations, and service agencies, a five-year investment plan was derived in 2019. The Consolidated Plan establishes the City's five-year goals for providing decent housing, suitable living environments, and expanding economic opportunities for its citizens. These strategies will be achieved through the allocation of federal funds from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership (HOME) programs and other sources received.

The 2020 Consolidated Action Plan summarizes the primary housing and community development needs of low-moderate income households in Port Arthur. The program year begins on June 1 and ends on May 31. The 2020 allocations are as follows:

- \$1,152,703 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds
- \$ 294,562 in Home Investment Partnership (HOME) funds

Port Arthur will focus on revitalizing its downtown area during this reporting period. The target area will cover the areas from Houston Avenue to Memorial Boulevard, 4th Street, to Gulfway Drive. The revitalization activities will involve new home construction for low to moderate-income families,

demolition/clearance activities, and street reconstruction. The City will also focus on assisting citizens who were devastated by Tropical Storms with the rehabilitation or demolition and reconstruction of their owner-occupied homes. The City will utilize funding from its Federal CDBG, HOME Programs, and funding from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs HOME Investment Partnerships Disaster funds for Housing Assistance Programs and Homebuyers Assistance Program.

The City of Port Arthur will generate \$100,000 in HOME program income during the 2020 program year. The primary sources of program income are loan repayments through CDBG and HOME housing programs and demolition repayments. Program income from the HOME program will fund new home construction, down payment, and closing costs assistance and rehabilitation/reconstruction activities. Ten percent (10%) of the HOME Program income will be used for HOME Program administrative expenses. Five percent (5%) of the HOME Program CHDO allocation will be used for CHDO operating. The CHDO will be provided a feasible and reasonable developers fee from the HOME Program. CDBG funds returned to the loan program are used for future lending.

The Action Plan also serves as the City of Port Arthur's annual application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The objectives and activities funded in this plan also provide a framework for assessing the City's performance in achieving its overall community development goals.

## 2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

The Annual Action Plan contains a range of goals, objectives, and outcomes formulated to address the needs identified in the 2020 Consolidated Plan for homelessness, other special needs, affordable housing, non-housing community development, barriers to affordable housing, lead-based paint hazards, institutional structures, and coordination. These objectives include:

- Continue to Plan, Monitor, and Administer Entitlement Grant Programs and ensure compliance with Federal Regulations.
- Improve the condition of housing for low-income homeowners.
- Increase the Development of units and affordability of housing for homeownership.
- Address community needs through community-based public service programs.
- Address community needs through improvements and expansion of Public Facilities and Public infrastructure.

## 3. Evaluation of past performance

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

Port Arthur has a history of successful programs funded through the Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership Program. Of particular importance to the health of the City have been programs that address the condition of the housing stock. The City has successfully funded housing rehabilitation activities targeting lower-income and elderly households unable to properly maintain their homes. The City has worked actively with local homeless services providers to expand both the stock of units/beds available to homeless persons and services aimed at helping those persons find employment, housing, health care services, and educational opportunities. Details of past performance can be found in the City's Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

### 4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

To increase public participation in the Consolidated Plan process, the City of Port Arthur conducted two public hearings. The first hearing was held on November 7, 2019, at the Port Arthur City Hall, 444 4th Street. The second public hearing was held on April 13, 2020, via the Zoom conference toll-free telephone line. The purpose of the hearings was to inform the public of the Consolidated Planning process and to solicit comments and suggestions on the allocation of funds. Notices for the hearings were published in the <u>Port Arthur News</u>.

## 5. Summary of public comments

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

No written comments were received.

## 6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

No comments were rejected.

## 7. Summary

This plan provides a framework through which Port Arthur manages its federal entitlement program related to community development and homeless assistance. The data was provided through HUD's eCon software system, utilizing American Community Survey data and other sources, to construct the needs assessment. The City worked with local service providers and other concerned citizens to develop the annual action plan that addresses the needs within the city as identified through the public participation process and needs assessment.

# PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies – 91.200(b)

## 1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

Describe the agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
Lead Agency	PORT ARTHUR	
CDBG Administrator	PORT ARTHUR	Grants Management Department
HOPWA Administrator		
HOME Administrator	PORT ARTHUR	Housing Assistance Department
ESG Administrator		
HOPWA-C Administrator		

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

# Narrative (optional)

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# AP-10 Consultation - 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)

#### 1. Introduction

Port Arthur worked with a wide variety of agencies, organizations, and service providers in an effort to bring various viewpoints to bear in the identification of local housing and community service needs. Port Arthur utilized outside organizations to focus on specific needs and targeted meetings to bring public input into the Annual Plan process.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(I))

The City has an ongoing relationship with several housing providers that are working on housing development activities. The Port Arthur Housing Authority works to utilize Section 8 vouchers from the federal government to address the housing needs of the city's low-income households. Through the Continuum of Care process, the City maintains relationships with mental health providers, homeless shelter and services providers, and other governmental agencies with specific responsibilities for homeless individuals and families.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

City staff consults with the Beaumont/Port Arthur/South East Texas Continuum of Care, the local umbrella for the development of the Continuum of Care. In the past, the City has provided administrative support to supplement Continuum of Care initiatives and funding to the various agencies that make up the membership of the Beaumont/Port Arthur/South East Texas Continuum of Care.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

Staff from Port Arthur participates in the development of the Continuum of Care, working with area service providers to include City resources, to the extent possible, in the provision of services to homeless individuals and families in Port Arthur.

2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction's consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	CATHOLIC CHARITIES - HOSPITALITY CENTER
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in the 5-year Consolidated Planning process.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Gift of Life
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy Healthcare services
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in the 5-year Consolidated Planning process.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	South East Texas Regional Planning Commission
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in the 5-year Consolidated Planning process.

4	Agency/Group/Organization	TENDER LOVING CARE CENTER FOR CHILDREN DBA LEGACY CDC
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the	Invited to participate in the 5-year
	anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consolidated Planning process.

# Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

No specific organizations were omitted from the public participation process.

## Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Beaumont/Port Arthur/South East Texas Continuum of Care	The Strategic Plan provides a set of priorities for addressing homelessness, that are supported by the Beaumont/Port Arthur/South East Texas Continuum of Care and its participating agencies.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

# Narrative (optional)

The development of the Annual Plan supports the priorities identified and ranked in the 2019 Consolidated Plan. the City relies on its ongoing relations to ensure that these opinions and observations are incorporated into the Plan.

# **AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)**

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

The public hearings were held on November 7, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the City of Port Arthur City Hall at 444 4th Street and on April 13, 2020, via the Zoom conference toll-free telephone line. Attendees for the public hearings were gathered through public notices posted in the Port Arthur News and the Port Arthur's website. Attendees were given an opportunity to provide verbal and written comments.

The Draft Plan of the 2020 Annual Plan was published in the local newspaper, and the Draft Report was made available for review on February 26, 2020, through March 27, 2020. On April 14, 2020, City Council reviewed and approved the Annual Plan.

# **Citizen Participation Outreach**

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Public Meeting	Minorities  Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish  Persons with disabilities  Non- targeted/broad community  Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	Two public hearings were held on November 7, 2019 and April 13, 2020, on the Zoom conference line.	The attendees identified a wide range of issues of concerns with regard to social and economic conditions, and housing needs.	All comments were accepted.	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

# **Expected Resources**

# **AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c)(1,2)**

### Introduction

Port Arthur receives funding from two federal grant programs, the Community Development Block Grant Program and the HOME Investment Partnership. These two grant programs combined will bring \$1,447,265 into the city to support affordable housing, homeless, and community

development programs, and projects in the 2020 program year. **Anticipated Resources** 

Source	Uses of Funds	Expe	cted Amour	nt Available Yo	ear 1	Expected	Narrative Description
of Funds		Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$	Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	
public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public						Expected amount for the anticipated Year 1 Annual Allocation for the 2019 - 2024 Consolidated Plan is based on the Annual Plan Year 2019 - 2020 budget.
	Public Services	1,152,703	0	0	1,152,703	0	
public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership	204 562	100,000		204 FC2	0	Expected amount for the anticipated Year 1 Annual Allocation for the 2019 - 2024 Consolidated Plan is based on the Annual Plan Year 2019 2020 budget. The expected amount for the remainder of the ConPlan is based on 4 times the 2019 allocation.
	public - federal	public - Acquisition federal Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services  public - Acquisition federal Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction	public - Acquisition federal Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services 1,152,703  public - Acquisition federal Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership	public - federal Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services 1,152,703 0  public - federal Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership	public - federal Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services 1,152,703 0 0  public - federal Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction for ownership	Annual Allocation: \$ Program Income: \$ \$ Total: \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	of Funds  Annual Allocation: \$ Program Income: \$ S S S S S Available Remainder of ConPlan S  public - Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services 1,152,703 0 0 0 1,152,703 0  public - federal Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership

Program	Source	Uses of Funds	Expe	cted Amour	nt Available Ye	ear 1	Expected	Narrative Description
	of Funds		Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$	Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	
ESG	public -	Conversion and						
	federal	rehab for						
		transitional						
		housing						
		Financial						
		Assistance						
		Overnight shelter						
		Rapid re-housing						
		(rental						
		assistance)						
		Rental Assistance						
		Services						
		Transitional						
		housing	0	0	0	0	0	
Other	public -	Public Services						CDBG-CV funds to be used to prevent,
	federal	Other						prepare for and respond to the
			678,123	0	0	678,123	0	Coronavirus.

**Table 5 - Expected Resources - Priority Table** 

# Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

Matching requirements for the HOME Program will be met through waived fees, donated professional services, donated materials, and volunteer labor according to programmatic aspects of the particular activities funded. The City of Port Arthur through a 4B Economic Development Referendum approved by a vote in 2017 is expected to generate approximately \$900,000 for Homebuyer Assistance and

\$1,000,000 in infrastructure for the Downtown Housing Target Areas in support of Legacy CDC, a designated CHDO's Affordable Housing Initiative. In addition, funding will be utilized from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs HOME Investments Partnerships Program to provide owner occuped housing major rehabilitation and demolition/reconstruction assistance to eligible homeowners and Homebuyer's down payment and closing costs assistance to assist homebuyers with the purchase of new construction and/or existing homes purchase.

# If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

The City is providing land for the Downtown Housing Target Area Initiative to CHDO developer Legacy CDC for the development of 30 – 60 units of single-family homeownership housing targeted for persons earning 80% or below the area median income. Land includes City-owned property purchased under the City's NSP program and land that will be acquired utilizing Federal CDBG and HOME Program funds. The City will continue to evaluate opportunities to use public lands for future development.

#### Discussion

The City has programmed approximately \$1,547,265 from the CDBG and HOME programs for the FY 2020 program year. This sum included the annual allocation, program income, and reprogrammed funds from previous program years. These funds will be used to operate a range of private and public services as described later in the Annual Action Plan.

# **Annual Goals and Objectives**

**AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives** 

**Goals Summary Information** 

Sort	Goal Name	Start	End	Category	Geographic	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
Order		Year	Year		Area			

1	Administration	2019	2024	Administration	CDBG	Public and Community	CDBG:	Other: 1 Other
	Objective				Eligible Block	Facilities	\$80,000	
					Groups	Infrastructure -	HOME:	
						Streets and Sidewalks	\$29,456	
						Parks and Recreation		
						Facilities		
						Infrastructure - Water		
						and Sewer		
						Downtown		
						Infrastructure		
						Demolition and Site		
						Clearance		
						Code Enforcement		
						Demolition of		
						Substandard		
						Structures, Brownfield		
						R		
						Youth Services		
						Senior Services		
						Child Care Services		
						Crime Prevention		
						Legal Services		
						Housing Assistance -		
						Homeownership		
						Housing		
						Rehabilitation		
						Emergency Assistance		
						Emergency Home		
						Repairs		

Sort	Goal Name	Start	End	Category	Geographic	Needs Addressed	Funding	<b>Goal Outcome Indicator</b>
Order		Year	Year		Area			
						Job Training,		
						Workforce		
						Development,		
						Education Enr		
						Employment Training		
2	Housing Objective 1	2019	2024	Affordable	CDBG	Housing	CDBG:	Homeowner Housing
	- Minor			Housing	Eligible Block	Rehabilitation	\$100,000	Rehabilitated: 5 Household
	Rehabilitation				Groups	Emergency Assistance		Housing Unit
						Emergency Home		
						Repairs		
3	Housing Objective 2	2019	2024	Affordable	CDBG	Housing Assistance -	CDBG:	Homeowner Housing
	- Major			Housing	Eligible Block	Homeownership	\$200,000	Rehabilitated: 8 Household
	Rehabilitation				Groups	Housing	HOME:	Housing Unit
						Rehabilitation	\$11,500	Direct Financial Assistance
						Housing Development		to Homebuyers: 10
						and Reconstruction		Households Assisted
4	Housing Objective 3	2019	2024	Affordable	CDBG	Infrastructure -	CDBG:	Homeowner Housing
	- Down payment			Housing	Eligible Block	Streets and Sidewalks	\$100,000	Added: 3 Household
	Assistance				Groups	Infrastructure - Water	HOME:	Housing Unit
						and Sewer	\$250,106	
						Homebuyer		
						Counseling, Financial		
						Literacy		
						Housing Assistance -		
						Homeownership		
						Housing Development		
						and Reconstruction		

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	Public Service	2019	2024	Affordable	CDBG	Homebuyer	CDBG:	Public service activities for
	Objective 1 -			Housing	Eligible Block	Counseling, Financial	\$27,000	Low/Moderate Income
	Homebuyer				Groups	Literacy		Housing Benefit: 10
	Counseling							Households Assisted
6	Public Service	2019	2024	Non-Housing	CDBG	Job Training,	CDBG:	Public service activities
	Objective 2 - Tuition			Community	Eligible Block	Workforce	\$36,000	other than Low/Moderate
	Assistance			Development	Groups	Development,		Income Housing Benefit: 8
						Education Enr		Persons Assisted
						Employment Training		
7	Public Service	2019	2024	Non-Housing	CDBG	Health Services	CDBG:	Public service activities
	Objective 5 - Seniors			Community	Eligible Block		\$20,000	other than Low/Moderate
				Development	Groups			Income Housing Benefit: 8
								Persons Assisted
8	Public Service	2019	2024	Non-Housing	CDBG	Health Services	CDBG:	Public service activities
	Objective 6 - Health			Community	Eligible Block		\$6,000	other than Low/Moderate
	Prevention			Development	Groups			Income Housing Benefit: 50
								Persons Assisted
9	Public Facilities	2019	2024	Non-Housing	CDBG	Infrastructure -	CDBG:	Public service activities
	Objective 1 - Streets			Community	Eligible Block	Streets and Sidewalks	\$419,803	other than Low/Moderate
				Development	Groups			Income Housing Benefit: 30
								Persons Assisted
10	Public Service	2019	2024	Non-Housing	CDBG	Crime Prevention	CDBG:	Public service activities
	Objective 4 - Health			Community	Eligible Block	Health Services	\$12,000	other than Low/Moderate
	and Security			Development	Groups	Recycling Programs		Income Housing Benefit: 15
								Persons Assisted

Table 6 – Goals Summary

# **Goal Descriptions**

1	Goal Name	Administration Objective
	Goal Description	Port Arthur receives funding from two federal grant programs, the Community Development Block Grant Program and the HOME Investment Partnership. These two grant programs combined will bring \$1,447,265 into the city to support affordable housing, homeless, and community development programs and projects over the next program year.
2	Goal Name	Housing Objective 1 - Minor Rehabilitation
	Goal Description	Minor repairs will be provided to assist five (5) program participants with un-met needed repairs in order to preserve the housing and bring the unit up to minimum code requirements and eleviate any health and safety issues.

3 Goal Name Housing Objective 2 - Major Rehabilitation		Housing Objective 2 - Major Rehabilitation
	Goal Description	CDBG & HOME funds will be used to provide major rehabilitation and/or demo & reconstruction for eight (8) program participants with un-met needed repairs in order to preserve the housing unit and eleviate any health and safety issues and provide a better qualify of life for the low/moderate income program participants. Funding for this project will be provided by the State TDHCA in the amount of \$100,000 per home. The most current estimated construction costs is \$160,000. The additional funds for this project will be provided from CDBG funds.
		CDBG & HOME funds will be used to assist ten (10) low/moderate income program participants with down payment and closing costs assistance to purchase of new construction or existing homes.
4	Goal Name	Housing Objective 3 - Down payment Assistance
	Goal Description	

5	Goal Name	Public Service Objective 1 - Homebuyer Counseling
	Goal Description	Homebuyer education and counseling classes will be provided to program participants in preparation for the homebuying experience. Eligibility 570.201(e)
6	<b>Goal Name</b>	Public Service Objective 2 - Tuition Assistance
	Goal Description	
7	Goal Name	Public Service Objective 5 - Seniors
	Goal Description	
8	Goal Name	Public Service Objective 6 - Health Prevention
	Goal Description	
9	Goal Name	Public Facilities Objective 1 - Streets
	Goal Description	
10	<b>Goal Name</b>	Public Service Objective 4 - Health and Security
	Goal Description	

# **Projects**

## **AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)**

#### Introduction

#### **Project Summary Information**

The City of Port Arthur anticipates receiving \$1,152,703 of CDBG Program funds in the 2020 program year. The funds will be used to assist existing homeowners with emergency/minor repairs, major rehabilitation or demoliton/reconstruction of their homes, street reconstruction, public service activities, down payment & closing costs assistance, and administration expenses.

The City will use \$100,000 for a eligible CBDO to acquire land, perform site clearance, provide new construction infrastructure activities; \$200,000 will be used for down payment & closing costs for program participants to purchase new construction or existing homes.

The City of Port Arthur anticipates receiving \$294,562 of HOME Investment Partnership Program funds for the 2020 program year. The grant funds will be used for:

10% Administration-\$29,400

15% Setaside minimum - CHDO Activities (land acquisition, site clearance & preparation, new construction & financing financing of single family housing units, purchase/rehab/sell single family housing units & provide down payment & closing costs assistance)-- \$150,106

Rehab/Demo & Reconstruction Projects -- \$0

Down payment & closing costs assistance as a direct benefit to program participants - \$115,000

The City anticipates receiving HOME Program Income of \$100,000 from homebuyer. The program income funds will be used for additional affordable housing projects. 10% of the HOME Program Income

will be used for admin expenses.

# **Projects**

#	Project Name		
1	Program of Health Excellence		
2	Nutritional and Services for Seniors		
3	IBN Sina Foundation		
4	Catholic Charities - Hospitality Center		
5	Tender Loving Care dpa Legacy CDC		
6	Gift of Life		
7	Grants Management		
8	Housing Assistance Administration		
9	City of Port Arthur Public Works Dept Street Reconstruction		
10	HOME Administration		
11	HOME CHDO Activities		
12	Housing Down Payment Assistance		
13	New Construction Infrastructure		
14	Willie Carter Community Outreach		
15	Public Works - Sidewalk Repairs		
16	First Baptist Outreach Center		
17	Liberty Heights		
18	Port Cities Rescue Mission		
19	CV-Nutrition and Services for Seniors		
20	CV-Catholic Charities		
21	CV-City of Port Arthur Health Department		

Table 7 - Project Information

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved

## needs

Port Arthur doesn't anticipate any obstacles to addressing underserved needs. Allocation priorities were based on the needs of the City.

# **AP-38 Project Summary**

**Project Summary Information** 

1	Project Name	Program of Health Excellence
	Target Area	CDBG Eligible Block Groups
	Goals Supported	Public Service Objective 2 - Tuition Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Job Training, Workforce Development, Education Enr
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
	Description	Grant funds will be used for tuition reimbursement for eligible students to participate in the Program of Health Excellence nurses' aid classes. Eligibility: 570.201(e) National Objective: Low to Moderate Limited Clientele
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Grant funds will be used for tuition reimbursement for eligible students to participate in the Program of Health Excellence nurses' aid classes. Eligibility: 570.201(e) National Objective: Low to Moderate Limited Clientele
2	Project Name	Nutritional and Services for Seniors
	Target Area	CDBG Eligible Block Groups
	Goals Supported	Public Service Objective 5 - Seniors
	Needs Addressed	Senior Services Senior Nutrition, Meals/Food
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000
	Description	Nutritional and Services for Seniors delivers meals-on-wheel to homebound
	Description	senior citizens and prepare meals at dining sites for senior citizens of Port Arthur. Eligibility: 570.201(e) National Objective: Low to Moderate Limited Clientele

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Nutritional and Services for Seniors delivers meals-on-wheel to homebound senior citizens and prepare meals at dining sites for senior citizens of Port Arthur. Eligibility: 570.201(e) National Objective: Low to Moderate Limited Clientele
3	Project Name	IBN Sina Foundation
	Target Area	CDBG Eligible Block Groups
	Goals Supported	Public Service Objective 6 - Health Prevention
	Needs Addressed	Health Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$6,000
	Description	Provides free low-cost healthcare services for uninsured low-income individuals and families.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Provides free low-cost healthcare services for uninsured low-income individuals and families.
4	Project Name	Catholic Charities - Hospitality Center
	Target Area	CDBG Eligible Block Groups

	Goals Supported	Public Service Objective 5 - Seniors
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Facilities Homeless Support Services, Transportation
	Funding	CDBG: \$40,000
	Description	Grant funds will be used to pay for utilities and the salary for one security officer at the Hospitality Center. The Hospitality Center is a soup kitchen that serves one hot meal a day to the homeless and low income residents of Port Arthur. Eligibility: 570.201(e) National Objective: Low to Moderate Limited Clientele Presumed Low to Moderate income benefit
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Grant funds will be used to pay for utilities and the salary for one security officer at the Hospitality Center. The Hospitality Center is a soup kitchen that serves one hot meal a day to the homeless and low-income residents of Port Arthur. Eligibility: 570.201(e) National Objective: Low to Moderate Limited Clientele Presumed Low to Moderate income benefit
5	Project Name	Tender Loving Care dpa Legacy CDC
	Target Area	CDBG Eligible Block Groups
	Goals Supported	Public Service Objective 1 - Homebuyer Counseling
	Needs Addressed	Infrastructure - Water and Sewer Homebuyer Counseling, Financial Literacy Housing Assistance - Homeownership
	Funding	CDBG: \$27,000
	Description	Requesting CDBG funds for a homebuyer's counseling classes for low to moderate-income families. Eligibility: 570.201(e) National Objective: Low to Moderate Limited Clientele

	Target Date	5/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	City wide
	Planned Activities	Requesting CDBG funds for a homebuyer's counseling classes for low to moderate-income families. Eligibility: 570.201(e) National Objective: Low to Moderate Limited Clientele
6	Project Name	Gift of Life
	Target Area	CDBG Eligible Block Groups
	Goals Supported	Public Service Objective 4 - Health and Security
	Needs Addressed	Crime Prevention Health Services Recycling Programs
	Funding	
	Description	Grant funds will be used for operating expenses related to the Gift of Life cancer screening program. The screening program will target low and moderate-income families. Eligibility: 570.201(e) National Objective: Low to Moderate Limited Clientele
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	

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	Planned Activities	Grant funds will be used for operating expenses related to the Gift of Life cancer screening program. The screening program will target low and moderate-income families. Eligibility: 570.201(e) National Objective: Low to Moderate Limited Clientele
7	Project Name	Grants Management
	Target Area	CDBG Eligible Block Groups
	Goals Supported	Administration Objective
	Needs Addressed	Public and Community Facilities Infrastructure - Streets and Sidewalks Infrastructure - Water and Sewer Downtown Infrastructure Youth Services Senior Services Homebuyer Counseling, Financial Literacy Disability Services Crime Prevention Health Services Housing Assistance - Homeownership Housing Rehabilitation Housing Development and Reconstruction Emergency Home Repairs Job Training, Workforce Development, Education Enr Employment Training
	Funding	CDBG: \$80,000
	Description	Community Development Block Grant funds will be used to cover administrative expenses for the Grants Management staff.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	

	Planned	Community Development Block Grant funds will be used to cover
	Activities	administrative expenses for the Grants Management staff.
8	Project Name	Housing Assistance Administration
	Target Area	CDBG Eligible Block Groups
	Goals	Administration Objective
	Supported	Housing Objective 1 - Minor Rehabilitation
		Housing Objective 2 - Major Rehabilitation
	Needs	Housing Assistance - Homeownership
	Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
		Housing Development and Reconstruction
		Emergency Assistance Emergency Home Repairs
	Funding	CDBG: \$180,000
	Description	Grant funds will be used for administration expenses for the Housing
		Assistance Programs. Eligibility: 570.202 (b) National Objective: Low to Moderate Housing
	Target Date	5/31/2021
	Estimate the	It is estimated that twenty-three (23) program participants will be assisted
	number and	over the next year. At lease 5 program participants will be minority; 3 will be low income and 15 will be moderate income.
	type of families that will benefit	low income and 15 will be moderate income.
	from the	
	proposed	
	activities	
	Location	City wide in eligible CDBG target areas.
	Description	
	Planned	Salaries for Housing Assistance Programs
	Activities	Salaries for Flousing Assistance Flograms
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9	Project Name	City of Port Arthur Public Works Dept Street Reconstruction
	Target Area	CDBG Eligible Block Groups
	Goals	Public Facilities Objective 1 - Streets
	Supported	
	Needs	Infrastructure - Streets and Sidewalks
	Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$301,870

Description  Grant funds will be used for street reconstruction projects in CDBG elig areas of the city. Eligibility: 570.201 (c) National Objective: Low to Mod Area Project location in one or more of the following Low/Moderate- in Consult Areas: F0.51.61.118.54.63.55.64.67.68.103.56.101.7001.65	
Census Areas: 59,51,61,118,54,63,55,64,67,68,103,56,101,7001,65.	ncome
Target Date	
Estimate the	
number and	
type of families that will benefit	
from the	
proposed	
activities	
Location	
Description	
Planned Activities Grant funds will be used for street reconstruction projects in CDBG elig areas of the city. Eligibility: 570.201 (c) National Objective: Low to Mod Area Project location in one or more of the following Low/Moderate-in Census Areas: 59,51,61,118,54,63,55,64,67,68,103,56,101,7001,65.	derate
10 Project Name HOME Administration	
Target Area CDBG Eligible Block Groups	
Goals Supported Housing Objective 2 - Major Rehabilitation	
Needs Housing Assistance - Homeownership	
Addressed Housing Rehabilitation	
Housing Development and Reconstruction	
<b>Funding</b> CDBG: \$180,000	
Description  The HOME Program will provide: \$29,456 for Housing Administration. City of Port Arthur also anticipates using 10% of Program Income funds administrative expenses in an anticipated amount of \$10,000. HOME Administrative funds are used to support the Housing Rehabilitation, Demolition/Reconstruction and Homebuyer activities provided to the L Moderate Income citizens of Port Arthur. Eligibility: 570.202 (b) Nation Objective: Low to Moderate Income Housing.	s for -ow-
<b>Target Date</b> 5/31/2021	

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	A minimum of 5 families will be minority. 3 low income program participants will be assisted; 15 moderate income program participants.
	Location Description	City wide
	Planned Activities	The HOME Program will provide: \$29,456 for Housing Administration. The City of Port Arthur also anticipates using 10% of Program Income funds for administrative expenses in an anticipated amount of \$10,000. HOME Administrative funds are used to support the Housing Major Rehabilitation, Demolition/Reconstruction and Homebuyer activities provided to the Low-Moderate Income citizens of Port Arthur. Eligibility: 570.202 (b) National Objective: Low to Moderate Income Housing.
11	Project Name	HOME CHDO Activities
	Target Area CDBG Eligible Block Groups	
	Goals Supported	Housing Objective 3 - Down payment Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Housing Assistance - Homeownership Housing Development and Reconstruction
	Funding	CDBG: \$100,000

Description	Provide funding to eligible CHDO and CBDO organizations for program cost to assist with the development of affordable housing. THE CBDO will utilize CDBG Program funds to assist with new construction infrastructure activities. THE CHDO will be provided development fees to acquire land, perform site clearance and provide new construction and provide financing of affordable housing units, and purchase/rehab/sell of affordable housing for low-moderate income program participants to purchase new construction single family homes. Funding for the CHDO activities will be provided utilizing a minimum of 15% CHDO Set-aside funding. The eligible CHDO will also be qualified and certified to provide purchase/fully rehabilitate/sell housing units through the utilization of HOME Program funds for low and moderate income program participants with the use of a minimum of 15% of the HOME Program funds.
Target Date	5/31/2021
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 3 low/moderate income program participants income will be assisted; 2 program participants will be minority;
Location Description	City wide

Activities and develop or construct 3 new homes and provide do		\$250,106 HOME Funds HOME Funds to acquire land, perform site clearance and develop or construct 3 new homes and provide down payment and closing cost for 3 low–moderate income program participants.
12	Project Name	Housing Down Payment Assistance
	Target Area	CDBG Eligible Block Groups
	Goals Supported	Public Service Objective 1 - Homebuyer Counseling
	Needs Addressed	Homebuyer Counseling, Financial Literacy Housing Assistance - Homeownership
	Funding	CDBG: \$200,000
	Description	CDBG and HOME funds will be used to assist 10 program participants with down payment and closing costs associated with the purchase of new construction and/or existing homes. The financial assistance will be provided as a direct benefit to the eligible program participants.570.202 (b) National Objective: Low to Moderate Housing
	Target Date	5/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	5 program participants will be minority; 3 program participants will be provided new construction homes; 10 low/moderate income program participants will be assisted with down payment and closing costs to purchase new construction and/or existing homes.

	Location Description	City wide
Planned Activities  CDBG and HOME funds will be used to assist 10 program participal down payment and closing costs associated with the purchase of reconstruction and/or existing homes. The financial assistance will be as a direct benefit to the program participants. 570.202 (b) Nation Objective: Low to Moderate Housing		
13 Project Name New Construction Infrastructure		New Construction Infrastructure
Target Area CDBG Eligible Block Groups		CDBG Eligible Block Groups
Goals Supported Public Service Objective 1 - Homebuyer Counseling  Needs Infrastructure - Water and Sewer Housing Assistance - Homeownership		
	Funding	CDBG: \$100,000
	Description	CDBG funds will be used to assist with new construction infrastructure activities carried out by a CBDO and a CHDO.
	Target Date	5/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The City proposes to assist a minimum of 5 minority program participants with CDBG and HOME funds. A total of 10 program particants will be assisted.

	Location Description	Assistance will be provided in eligible CDBG target areas Citywide.
Activities payment and closing costs associated		CDBG and HOME funds will be used to assist program participants with down payment and closing costs associated with the purchase of new construction and/or existing homes. The financial assistance will be provided as a direct benefit to the program participant.
14	Project Name	Willie Carter Community Outreach
	Target Area	CDBG Eligible Block Groups
	Goals Supported	Public Service Objective 4 - Health and Security
	Needs Addressed	Health Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$12,000
	Description	Willie Carter Community Outreach will provide substance abuse counseling.
	<b>Target Date</b>	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
	Project Name	Public Works - Sidewalk Repairs

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Target Area CDBG Eligible Block Groups		CDBG Eligible Block Groups
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities Objective 1 - Streets
	Needs Addressed	Infrastructure - Streets and Sidewalks
	Funding	CDBG: \$117,933
	Description	Community Development Block Grant funds will repair sidewalks and make sidewalks handicapped accessible (ADA compliant).
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
16	<b>Project Name</b>	First Baptist Outreach Center
	Target Area	CDBG Eligible Block Groups
	Goals Supported	Public Service Objective 2 - Tuition Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Youth Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$9,900
	Description	Community Development Block Grant funds will cover the tuition for students to attend GED classes
	Target Date	

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
17	Project Name	Liberty Heights
	Target Area	CDBG Eligible Block Groups
	Goals Supported	Public Service Objective 4 - Health and Security
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Prevention and Emergency Assistance
	Funding	CDBG: \$3,000
	Description	Liberty Heights operates a food bank and distributes food to low-income families in the community.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
18	Project Name	Port Cities Rescue Mission
	Target Area	CDBG Eligible Block Groups

	Goals Supported	Public Service Objective 4 - Health and Security
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$40,000
	Description	Port Cities Rescue Mission operates the City's only homeless shelter. Community Development Block Grant funds will assist with operating expenses.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities  Location Description  Planned Activities	
19	Project Name	CV-Nutrition and Services for Seniors
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Service Objective 5 - Seniors
	Needs Addressed	Senior Services
	Funding	CDBG-CV: \$30,000
	Description	CDBG-CV funds will purchase a van for Nutrition and Services for seniors to deliver meals to homebound seniors and disabled adults.
	Target Date	

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Description	
	Planned Activities	
20	Project Name	CV-Catholic Charities
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Service Objective 5 - Seniors
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Facilities
	Funding	CDBG-CV: \$50,000
	Description	CDBG-CV funds will assist Catholic Charities with providing meals to low-income families at the Hospitality Center. CDBG-CV funds will be allocated for salary and benefit expenses for the full-time employee at the Hospitality Center.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
21	Project Name	CV-City of Port Arthur Health Department
	Target Area	

Goals Supported	Public Service Objective 4 - Health and Security
Needs Addressed	Health Services
Funding	CDBG-CV: \$598,123
Description	CDBG-CV funds will allow the City of Port Arthur Health Department to provide for COVID-19 testing, purchase medical supplies, minor equipment, and other activities that prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus.
Target Date	
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit	
from the proposed activities	
Location Description	
Planned Activities	

### AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

## Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

Much of the funding from the CDBG and HOME programs is available for use in any of the CDBG neighborhoods or citywide, depending on the specifics of the designated activities. Also, some funding is available according to individual benefit rather than area benefit. It is, therefore, difficult to provide reasonable projections of the distribution of funds by target area. The numbers below are strictly estimates based on experience.

#### **Geographic Distribution**

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
CDBG Eligible Block Groups	100

**Table 8 - Geographic Distribution** 

#### Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The proposed allocation of funds is based on federal funding requirements for each formula-allocated grant. Areas of low to moderate-income concentration and certain areas of high minority concentration are targeted. Areas of low homeownership and deteriorating housing conditions were also considered in the targeting process.

#### Discussion

The distribution of funds by target area is projected to be primarily citywide due to use of funds for administrative, non-profit support, and individual benefit-oriented programmatic uses of the funds. The remaining funds are estimated to be spread through smaller CDBG-eligible areas.

## **Affordable Housing**

### AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

#### Introduction

The City of Port Arthur's priority and objective is to continue to help provide affordable, decent and safe homes for eligible citizens and those that were impacted by Hurricanes Harvey and those living in substandard housing conditions. Qualifying and providing assistance to help low and moderate income homebuyers fulfill the Amercian Dream of homeownership is also a priority within the city.

Housing assistance provided for Homebuyers assistance and owner occupied homeowners assistance utilizing HOME Program funds require that the initial purchase price of the housing assisted not exceed 95% of the area median purchase price for single family housing, as set forth in accordance with 24 CFR 92.254(a)(2)(iii) and as set forth in the income determinations provided by HUD annually.

HOME funds will be used to assist program participants with down payment & closing costs associated with purchasing homes. The financial assistance will be a direct benefit to the program participants.

Federal CDBG Program funds will be used to assist with funding in the emergency rehabilitation or demo & reconstruction of homes.

Federal HOME Program funds will be used for the rehabilitation or demolition and reconstruction of homes.

Texas Department of Housing and Commlunity Affairs HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds will assist program participants with rehab or demo &reconstruction of homes. Down payment & closing costs funds will be a direct benefit to program participants at 80% or below AMI to purchase new construction or existing homes.

The City of Port Arthur will convey property, on an as needed basis to homeowners that live on substandard lots.

CDBG funds will be used to assist a minimum of five (5) program participants with emergency repairs to eliminate immediate hazards/threats to the health & safety of program participants.

Federal CDBG and HOME Program & Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs HOME funds will assist eight (8) program participants with rehab or demo & reconstruction of homes. Down payment and closing costs will be provided as a direct benefit to purchase new construction or existing homes.

Port Arthur's one year goal is to provide affordable housing to twenty-three (23) non-homeless and

special needs households and using funds made available to the jurisdiction. In addition, five (5) of the twenty-three (23) program participants will be minorities.

Down payment & closing costs assistance will be in the amount of up to \$30,000 to purchase new construction homes and \$12,500 to purchase of existing homes.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to	be Supported
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	23
Special-Needs	0
Total	23

Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through		
Rental Assistance		0
The Production of New Units		18
Rehab of Existing Units		5
Acquisition of Existing Units		0
Total		23

Table 10 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

#### **Discussion**

These figures relate to production targets specified in the annual goals for 2020. CDBG and HOME

funding for these activities may target more households.



## **AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)**

#### Introduction

The agency recently replaced the Gulfbreeze Apartments with an 86 units complex named Lakeview Townhomes. Carver Terrace was removed and is being replaced with Park Central, a 187-unit apartment complex. The agency recently built a 73-senior complex, Edison Square. The new units are in excellent condition. The agency also owns 12 single-family, scattered-site units.

#### Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing

There are no actions planned for the use of CDBG or HOME in the coming year to address public housing needs.

## Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership

The Port Arthur Housing Authority will continue to have resident councils at each housing development.

If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance

N/A

#### Discussion

The complete reconstruction of all public housing developments, the Port Arthur Housing Authority has an excellent stock of housing units. The agency will continue to provide residents with an enriched living environment.

# AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i) Introduction

The City of Port Arthur is active in the Beaumont/Port Arthur/South East Texas Continuum of Care, addressing issues related to homeless in the region. Funding for homeless projects and services are sources primarily through that process.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

The Beaumont/Port Arthur/South East Texas Continuum of Care, the coalition of local homeless service agencies, conducts annual surveys of homeless individuals, including unsheltered persons. These surveys serve to help focus agency activities for the coming year, as well as provide documentation in response to HUD program requirements.

#### Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City of Port Arthur has no plans that would affect the emergency shelter or transitional housing needs of homeless persons in the coming year.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

The City of Port Arthur has no plans that would help homeless persons transition to permanent housing and independent living in the coming year.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services,

### employment, education, or youth needs.

Homeless prevention is a major focus of the participants in the Continuum of Care. Agencies include homeless prevention as a support program in conjunction with the provision of shelter and other support services.

#### Discussion

The participants in the Continuum of Care work closely together to meet the needs of homeless individuals and families through the continuum of services coordinated through the partnership.



## AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.220(j)

#### Introduction:

The City of Port Arthur has no policies in place that hinders the availability of affordable housing. Although no action or reform steps are required, the City will continue to seek resourceful and innovative ways to make affordable housing available to all residents.

No public policies were identified that have negative effects on affordable housing development.

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

Port Arthur doesn't anticipate any negative effects of public policies that serve as a barrier to affordable housing.

#### **Discussion:**

Port Arthur has worked to reduce the effects of public policy on affordable housing development over the past few years. While there are a number of market forces at work that make affordable housing development difficult, as discussed in the Market Analysis, the impact of public policy is not a major factor.

## **AP-85 Other Actions - 91.220(k)**

#### Introduction:

The City currently provides a variety of services to the residents of Port Arthur, some funded by CDBG and HOME allocations, with private, State, and City funding bringing additional assets to bear on these problems. Below are some of the actions currently performed by the City or under consideration for the future.

### Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The City will continue to look for new funding sources for programs to address underserved needs. Funding is the major obstacle in providing the services needed to focus on the vast variety of issues that prevent families from breaking out of poverty and from living in the best, most affordable housing possible.

#### Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City will consider providing financial assistance for Tax Credit Projects for affordable housing development to expand multi-family rental development projects and homeownership opportunities when those projects are present for review. Additionally, acquisition, soft costs and site development funds will be used for affordable housing development. Consideration for additional funding will be given upon completion of the pre-development phase.

#### Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

- Continue to meet HUD lead-based paint abatement standards in housing rehabilitation programs.
- Seek funding as it becomes available to provide testing and abatement of lead-based paint hazards in single-family housing where young children are present.
- Expand the stock of lead safe housing units through housing initiatives.
- Seek funding as it becomes available to provide for testing, abatement, training, and educational

awareness.

#### Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The City will continue its efforts in conjunction with the Continuum of Care to reduce the number of poverty-level families through the development of services needed to assist those families with educational opportunities, job growth, and life skills training through the various social service agencies operating in the city.

#### Actions planned to develop institutional structure

- Work with non-profit organizations to address community needs and provide support to federal and non-federal funding initiatives.
- Work with private industry to address important issues that hamper housing and community development efforts.
- Identify opportunities to create private/public partnerships for project finance and development to leverage federal funds.

# Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies

The City will continue to coordinate planning activities with private housing and social service agencies, including participation in the Beaumont/Port Arthur/South East Texas Continuum of Care meetings, development of the Continuum of Care, and enumeration of point-in-time and homeless surveys. City staff will also continue its participation in other coalitions and study groups as the opportunity arises.

#### **Discussion:**

These actions are primarily the continuation of what the City is currently doing in various areas. No major obstacles in the institutional structure have been identified that need to be addressed. The City is also satisfied with its efforts to coordinate with private housing and social agencies.

Port Arthur has worked to reduce the effects of public policy on affordable housing development over the past few years. While there are a number of market forces at work that make affordable housing

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development difficult, as discussed in the Market Analysis, the impact of public policy is not a major factor.

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## **Program Specific Requirements**

## AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

#### Introduction:

The following provides details on program-specific requirements for each of the entitlement programs, Community Development Block Grant, and HOME Investment Partnership.

## Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next	
program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	0
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to	
address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not	
been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	0
Other CDBG Requirements	
1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that	
benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period	
of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall	
benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate	
income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan. 80.	.00%

## HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(2)

1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is

#### as follows:

The City will continue to support the many efforts of the non-profits and social service provider agencies in the community in their efforts to obtain funding from various sources for their programs.

Many of these organizations receive private donations to sustain their programs, and most apply for funding on the federal, state, and local level.

The availability of federal funds would enhance any of the listed programs and would mean that more services, and housing, could be provided. Because of the scarcity of any type of funding, the City has been working with various organizations to try to develop programs that would increase the leveraging capacity of federal funding mechanisms so that more money would be available for other needed endeavors. Better use of the existing resources is a main concern of everyone.

2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:

The HOME Recapture Provisions are established §92.253(a) (5) (ii) and permits the original homebuyer to sell the property to any willing buyer during the period of affordability. The repayment conditions for the FTHB assistance stated previously outlines the shared market appreciation also referred to as the share of net proceeds.

Recapture provisions are in effect for periods from thirty years from the date of each settlement. Recapture is enforced through deed restrictions to ensure that the entire amount of HOME assistance to homebuyers is recouped if the housing does not continue to be the principal residence of the family for the duration of the period of affordability.

The Federal funds invested is secured by a Written Loan Agreement and a recorded Second Lien Deed of Trust and a Borrower Agreement Note of which the principal amount of the Note represents funds advanced by City to or for the borrowers benefit to assist them in paying part of the purchase price of the Property or the closing costs on the Property or both. On the same date as the date of the Note, the borrower will have entered into an agreement with City that the borrower will, among other things, continue to use the Property as their principal residence and will use the Property low income housing as defined in such agreement for a period of 10 years after the date of the Note. If for any reason the borrower default under any of the provisions of the Borrower Agreement, then the City will accelerate the maturity of the Note and recoup all or portion of the HOME assistance to the homebuyers if the housing does not continue to be the principal residence

of the family for the duration of the period of affordability in compliance with 24 CFR 92.254(a)(5)(ii).

The period of affordability is based on the total amount of HOME funds initially invested in the housing.

3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:

#### Recapture Provisions will be utilized by the City of Port Arthur.

The City of Port Arthur utilizes the HOME Recapture Provisions as established §92.253(a) (5) (ii) and permits the original homebuyer to sell the property to any willing buyer during the period of affordability. The repayment conditions for the FTHB assistance outlines the shared market appreciation also referred to as the share of net proceeds.

The City is subject to the limitation that when the recapture requirements are triggered by a sale (voluntary or involuntary) of the housing unit, the amount recaptured cannot exceed the net proceeds, if any. The net proceeds are the sales price minus superior loan repayment (other than HOME funds) and any closing costs in compliance with 24 CFR 92.254(a)(5)(ii)(A).

If, on the sale, lease, lease with an option to purchase, transfer or other disposition (including any contract for deed) of all or any interest in the Property, the Borrowers Agreement is still in effect and the borrower still owe amounts under the Note, Note Holder may require payment in full of sums owed hereunder as ore specifically provided by the Second Lien Deed of Trust (hereinafter defined) and the date upon which Note Holder requires such payment in full for any reason hereunder is called the maturity date.

The borrower will make payments to the City of Port Arthur as Note Holder at a designated place or at a different place if required by the Note Holder.

The indebtedness evidence by the Note, and any other financial obligation which may hereafter be imposed on borrower by the Lender, is subordinate to the indebtedness evidence by a note payable to a senior lender (Senior Lien Holder), which note is secured by a first deed of trust (the First Deed of Trust) dated of even date therewith encumbering certain real property located in Port Arthur, Texas.

The period of affordability is based on the total amount of HOME funds initially invested in the

	housing.
4.	Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:
	The City does not intend to use HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is being rehabilitated with HOME funds. In addition, the funds will not be used to refinance multifamily loans made or insured by any federal program. The City is aware that HOME funds cannot be used to refinance multifamily loans made or insured by any federal program, including CDBG.
	The City strives to meet all program specific requirements as detailed in the enabling legislation and program guidelines. City staff work with subgrantees to ensure that these requirements are met and oversees internal operations towards the same goal.
	Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
	Reference 91.220(I)(4)
1.	Include written standards for providing ESG assistance (may include as attachment)
2.	If the Continuum of Care has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.
3.	Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation available to private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations).

4. If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.



